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## **Trial verdict a step in the right direction**

### **Joint statement from Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II and Alderman Khalif J. Rainey**

Today's decision in the Derek Chauvin trial was the right one, and our hearts and prayers are with George Floyd's family and friends. Our sincere hope is that this guilty verdict can bring them some relief after what has been a difficult year.

Today's decision is also about accountability, and we expected nothing less. This is a step toward complete and equal justice for Black people in our country, and increased accountability for police officers in the judicial system going forward.

Since George Floyd's death last May one thing has been made incredibly clear – the people have power. Those who marched in the streets made this happen. All those who spoke out about the injustice of police brutality made this happen. Let them and us never return to being silent so we can continue to make lasting change.